



Elgin Police Department

Office of the Chief of Police

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Media Release: Traffic Fatality U.S. Hwy 290 W. Elgin, TX

August 28, 2023, TIME: 11:00 AM CST

On Saturday August 26, 2023, around 2:00pm a head-on collision involving a pickup truck and an 18-wheel tractor-trailer occurred in the westbound lanes of the 600 blk of U.S. 290 West. According to witnesses the pickup truck was eastbound on Hwy 290 and crossed over the center lane and into the path of the tractor-trailer. The official cause of the crash is still under investigation.

The driver of the pickup, identified as Eric Hernandez, 23, of Bastrop County, was transported to an Austin area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The driver of the tractor-trailer refused medical attention and is cooperating with investigators.

This is Elgin's second traffic fatality in 2023; both occurring on Hwy 290 West.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident please contact Detective Marco Solorio at 512-285-5757 or marco.solorio@elgintexas.gov

There will be no further updates regarding this incident.

Any media inquiries should be directed to the City of Elgin Public Information Officer, Amy Miller at 512-801-5748, or amy.miller@elgintexas.gov.